

Arlington Recycling Committee  
Minutes of 5/3/12

Present: Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, DPW Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Sue Stamps, Marcie Goldberg, Erika Riddington, Secretary Pete Howard

1. General: Marcie and Erica were welcomed. The Advocate had an excellent article comparing recycling in Arlington w/ Winchester & Belmont.

2 DPW Report: The new contract is still not signed. The hauler does not officially offer single stream but says enough Arlington households still separate paper to meet the hauler's needs. Residents must use a recycle container in order to prove they are recycling. Full or empty, the hauler will not pick up the trash if this container is not on the curb.

The solid waste running sum was 14,747 T.

Charlotte provided a report of the expenses from the Recycling Committee (Ref 2)

3 Recycling promotional activities:

New contract promotion

Town Meeting - Depending on DPW Director, May happen under STM ART 10. Plan to discuss w/ Director before mtg.

Mailer still being developed.

Answers to the questions from the April meeting still unknown

Community Collection Day Sat 5/12

Gordon will announce to Town Meeting on 5/9

Charlotte provided copies of the flyer & will provide to Town Meeting

Charlotte to request traffic support from Chief Ryan

Volunteers schedule: 9-11 Peggy, Gordon, Juli

11-1 Sue, Eric

Uncle Sam posters - Which printer? Gordon will discuss w/ Juli

3. Pending projects discussed briefly

Library bin - Gordon will discuss w/ new librarian. Charlotte is working on finding a place in the Town Yard.

Curbside sales - email connection DPW is not able to pick up stuff left on curb.

4. Brackett composting report: Erica briefed the committee on status. 3 tumblers are working. Each has 2 bins. School averages 50 gal/day. Need 2 more tumblers to keep up. Charlotte said DPW would be glad to help other schools to get started on this or other sustainability projects.

VOTED: \$280 to purchase 2 tumblers for Brackett. Unanimous

Discussion of lunch trays: Students now stack trays. Maybe new hauler could pick them up & recycle them. Schools unable to use reuseable trays because schools lack ability to wash trays. Doubtful if this would contribute enough to diversion to be worthwhile. Individual members are supportive.

Schedule of future meetings - First Thursday of each month: 5/3

Ref 1 CCD Flyer

Ref 2 Recycling Committee Expenditures